

AWFUL TRAGEDY.

Mr. J. T. Parks Shot and Killed
in Street Row

BY MR. ROBT H. COVAR

Who is Himself Seriously Wounded in
the Shoulder. The Shooting Was
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ble Between the Two Men
Brawling Sometime.

A most deplorable tragedy was enacted in the streets of Orangeburg about eleven o'clock last Friday morning, resulting in the death of Mr. Jas. T. Parks, of Columbia, and the serious wounding of Mr. Robt. H. Covar, of this city. These two gentlemen met in Church street, in the rear of the Courthouse, and without exchanging many words went to shooting each other with the result above described. The tragedy caused a great shock to the entire community, and for a time business was almost suspended and nothing was talked about hardly but the terrible occurrence that had resulted in the death of one gentleman and the desperate wounding of another.

It was about eleven o'clock when several pistol shots rang out in rapid succession, which startled every one who heard them. The shooting did not last but a few seconds, and no one could say how many shots were exchanged between the two combatants, so rapid was the firing. It is supposed that eight or ten shots were fired in all. As soon as possible people hurried to the scene after the pistols had been emptied. Immediately after the shooting Mr. Parks was slowly walking backward and sideways towards the Northwest corner of the Courthouse Square and Mr. Covar slowly following him, both gentlemen apparently reloading their pistols.

When Mr. Parks reached the corner he crossed over Church street and entered the law office of Messrs Bowman & Bowman. When he reached the office he gave his hand to I. W. Bowman, Esq., who was standing in his office door, having gone there on hearing the pistol shots. Just before reaching the office he had surrendered his pistol to Mr. A. F. Fairley. At this time Mr. Parks did not seem to be badly hurt, but he was very pale, and said to those who had gathered that he was fatally shot. Mr. Parks sat down in a chair, and it soon became apparent that he was seriously hurt. He was examined by physicians who at first thought that he was not, fatally hurt but after being removed to the residence of his brother-in-law, Dr. J. H. Perreye, and a careful examination made, it was found that he was shot completely through the body and the attending physicians pronounced the wounds fatal. Mr. Parks was hit in three places. One ball entered his chin and two struck him in the stomach, one passing clean through his body and lodging just above the waist on the other side. He was conscious up to half past nine o'clock, but about that time his mind began to wander and at half-past twelve o'clock the end came.

Immediately after the shooting Mr. A. C. Lindstedt took Mr. Covar's pistol. About this time Mr. Covar's father came up and commanded his son to stop, which he did and turned from following Mr. Parks and was carried to his office, where he was examined by physicians and found to have been hit in two places. One ball passed completely through his right shoulder and another struck him in the right hand, shooting off his thumb nail. Another ball passed through his hat, but did not touch his head. Several bullets struck the store of the Orangeburg Hardware Company on the corner of Russell and Church Streets. These balls must have come from Mr. Parks' pistol, and indicates the position of the combatants at the time of the firing. Mr. Covar was removed to his home, where he now lies suffering from his wounds, which are quite painful and may result seriously.

In the excitement incident to such a deplorable affair statements vary and it has been quite a difficult matter to obtain the facts. Some of the nearby witnesses state that they are unable to say which of them fired the first shot. Others say that Mr. Parks spoke to Mr. Covar and appeared to ask him a question. The reply from Mr. Covar seemed to be affirmative, and then Mr. Parks struck him in the face with his fist. One or the other fired and both pistols were emptied in an incredibly short time. When the shooting took place Mr. Covar was in his shirt sleeves, and carried his pistol buttoned up in his shirt. One thing is certain both men expected a civil outlay and had prepared for it.

The trouble seems to have been caused by a business trouble between the two gentlemen. While Mr. Parks resided in Orangeburg, he owned and published The Patriot newspaper. Mr. Covar moved here from Edgefield county to take charge of the mechanical work of the paper for Mr. Parks, and was in his employ for several years, during which time they seemed to be on the most pleasant and intimate terms.

When Mr. Parks moved to Columbia about two years ago Mr. Covar became interested in the business, and was given entire management of the paper except the editorial department, which was retained by Mr. Parks, who came down each week to look after it. About the first of the year Mr. Parks sold his interest in The Patriot and the printing outfit to Mr. J. H. Funderburg and Mr. Covar, and the newspaper has since been

published by Funderburg & Covar as publishers and proprietors.

It is stated that since this transfer there has not been pleasant feelings between Mr. Parks and Mr. Covar.

It seems that there was some trouble about business matters, and that Mr. Parks came down from Columbia Friday morning to straighten out the matter. All the parties were together in a conversation for some time Friday morning and they separated. It was only a short time when they came together again, and the shooting took place as above stated. It is reported that a man telephoned to Mr. Parks at Columbia Thursday and advised him not to come to Orangeburg Friday, asking him to have his business transacted either through other parties or by correspondence, stating to Mr. Parks that Mr. Covar had threatened to kill him if he interfered. It is also rumored that Mr. Parks intended to kill him on account of some reports that he had heard. We believe this idle Ransy Sides talk is what caused the whole trouble.

The fact is that both parties acted on the idle talk they had heard and were well armed and prepared for shooting without delay. The father of Mr. Covar, an old gentleman, who resides here with his son, was also armed. He did not attempt to shoot and returned his pistol to his pocket when the pistol was taken away from his son. After the fusillade when Mr. Covar was walking forward after Mr. Parks, as stated above, the old gentleman called to his son to stop, which he did.

The unfortunate affair has created a great deal of excitement, which occurring as it did, in so public a place. Mr. Parks was a native of Edgefield county and came to Orangeburg from Marion several years ago. During his stay in Orangeburg he was in the newspaper work and had many friends in this city as well as county, who will be shocked to hear of his tragic death. Some years ago Mr. Parks married Miss Annie Perreye, a daughter of Capt. W. H. Perreye, of this city, who with two sweet little boys survive him.

Mr. R. H. Covar is also a native of Edgefield, and has been a resident of this city for some years. Since he came here he has conducted himself in such a way as to gain the confidence and respect of all who have come in contact with him. He, like Mr. Parks, has many friends all over the county, as well as in town. He has a wife and several children, who are terribly grieved over the sad affair. Mr. Covar is now at home suffering from the wound in his shoulder and it will be a long time before he will be able to do any work again.

MR. COVAR'S STATEMENT.

He Gives His Side of the Deplorable Difficulty.

Mr. Robt. H. Covar has given out the following statement in regard to the unfortunate tragedy in which Mr. Jas. T. Parks lost his life and Mr. Covar was so severely wounded:

"The difficulty originated out of business matters solely. Mr. Funderburg and myself bought the entire Patriot plant from Mr. Parks for a certain sum of money, he paying the outside debts. After we took possession of the property Mr. Parks insisted that we pay the outstanding debts, amounting to about five hundred dollars, which we declined to do upon the ground that this was not contained in our contract. This matter became accentuated between Mr. Parks and myself, finally becoming a personal matter. Mr. Parks and myself had pleasant business relations prior to the sale of the paper. On account of threats communicated to me, I armed myself. I had not seen Mr. Parks for several months until the day of the difficulty, when I saw him pass through Church Street. I said in the printing office in Church Street the most of the morning, when finally my father asked me to get the mail as he wanted to read the paper. I looked out in the street first, and not seeing Mr. Parks I went to the Post Office. As I passed Doyle's Drug store, I saw Mr. Parks standing in front of Boche's store, which I got to me.

"When I got the mail I went to Mr. Lathrop's office to attend some business of Honor business; and coming out I started to go to my place of business by way of the rear of the Court House. When I was about the middle of the street I saw Mr. Parks and Mr. Funderburg sitting on the steps of the old Patriot office next to Mr. Hildebrand's office. In order to avoid him I turned to my left and went into Mr. Bransford's law office and collected at 11. I stood in his office 15 or 20 minutes, explaining to him that I wished to avoid Mr. Parks. Finally I looked out, and seeing Mr. Parks gone, started to my office. In front of the F. R. Briggs Hall I started diagonally across the street. I had a bundle of mail in my arms and was glancing through it. When about opposite the rear door of the Court House and just as I stepped on the pavement Mr. Parks faced me, saying: 'I want to tell you, you are a d—n dirty, lying, thieving, s— of a b—, and struck me with his fist. He struck me in my good eye and kind of stunned or blinded me. He knocked me back off the pavement in the street about a step. Mr. Parks reached for his pistol in his right hand hip pocket, and I instinctively reached for mine. I was in my shirt sleeves and had my pistol in my bosom. I had to unbutton my shirt before I could get my pistol out, and so Mr. Parks shot to fire the first shot, which I felt strike my hat and knocked it backward. My hat is perforated. My first shot and Mr. Parks' second shot were fired about the same time. Both emptied our pistols, and both started to reload, when bystanders interfered. No one regrets as much as I do this unfortunate difficulty.

Struck by Lightning.

The barn of W. J. Parler, of the Cameron section, was struck by lightning on Sunday afternoon and burned down. He lost all of his out crop, fanner and other food stuff. Luckily, the horses were gotten out and saved. The loss is quite heavy, with no insurance. This makes the second house set afire by lightning in Orangeburg County in the last ten days.

THE INQUEST HELD

THE TESTIMONY OF ONLY THREE WITNESSES TAKEN.

The Deplorable Tragedy Has Caused Universal Mourning in This Community.

Coroner F. N. Ricketts, having impaneled a jury of inquest Saturday morning, and the inquest was held according to law over the remains of Mr. Parks. The finding was in the following language: "The said J. T. Parks came to his death by a gunshot wound in the hands of R. H. Covar." The jury of inquest was composed of the following business men: Messrs. F. J. D. Felder, A. L. Dukes, E. R. Pauling, P. M. Smock, R. B. Koller, A. D. Buple, J. X. Weeks, J. C. Pike, R. D. McMichael, A. W. Hoff, J. W. Sack and J. L. Weeks.

Only three witnesses were examined, including Dr. Hydrick, who conducted the post-mortem examination. Mr. Charles P. Brunson, the magistrate in this city, has his office in the rear room of the Court House. He was just going towards his office. He was one of the closest of any of the spectators to the parties at the time of the shooting. Mr. A. C. Lindstedt is well known in business circles of this city. The testimony at the inquest is given as follows:

Mr. C. P. Brunson, sworn, says: That on June 29, 1906, about 11 o'clock a. m., I was driving up to the Court House gate, at my office. Before getting to the usual place of stopping Mr. A. M. Brzard came up and spoke to me, relating the death scene of his wife. Just then I saw the deceased, J. T. Parks, walking out of the Court House, and at the same time Mr. R. H. Covar coming toward Russell street side of the Court House, on Church street. I was looking at them. Just at the gate they met. Mr. Parks gave Mr. Covar a hand salute. Just then Mr. Parks spoke to Mr. Covar and Mr. Covar replied. Just then Mr. Parks struck (I presume) Mr. Covar. Just as that happened Mr. Covar backed a little, both hands to his shirt bosom; in the twinkling of any eye he (Covar) presented a pistol at Park's body and fired and continued firing. Then Parks kinder turned, and then drew a pistol and fired. Then it was continual firing by both men.

Question. Did any one else fire a pistol?

Answer. No one. I saw Mr. Covar's father with a pistol in his hand, and saying to his son: "Kill him," and going in direction of his son and Parks. Parks was moving backwards.

Mr. A. C. Lindstedt, sworn, says: That on June 29, 1906, about 11 o'clock a. m., I was coming down Church street by the Court House fence. I saw Mr. Parks strike Mr. Covar. Then instantly shooting commenced. Mr. Covar fired first. They could not have been over eight or ten feet apart at the first shot. It could not have been more than a second before rapid firing by both parties. Parks said Covar. Just at the time they ceased firing and commenced to reload, I rushed to Mr. R. H. Covar and disarmed him. Just as I looked around I saw Mr. Covar's father coming up, following, "Bobbie, stop stop." He was armed. I tried to take the pistol away from him. He said: "Don't disarm me." I said: "Put it in your pocket." Then he put it in his pocket and went off with his son. I then turned Mr. Covar's pistol over to the sheriff.

Question by foreman: Would you know the pistol now if you saw it?

Answer. Yes. (Pistol presented.) It is the pistol, it was unbreached when I got it; had two loaded shells in it; no empty shells in it.

A. C. Lindstedt, being sworn, says: That he has this day examined by dissection the body of J. T. Parks, and finds on the body of the said J. T. Parks three gunshot wounds, viz: First, one shot entering and fracturing the chin and passing out, the direction being from right to left and from above downwards. The second, a gunshot wound, entering on the right side of the body between the ninth and tenth ribs, in the axillary fossa of the liver and the transverse colon, the point of entrance being five inches below the nipple, right side, and the point of exit, 6 1/2 inches below nipple on left side. Third, a wound below and to the right of the umbilicus, which was made by a spent bullet and did not pass through abdominal wall. There was about three pints of blood in the abdominal cavity, and evidence of general peritonitis. In my judgment the death of the said J. T. Parks was due to the wounds described above.

A. S. Hydrick, who occurred a little after twelve o'clock Saturday morning, has cast a deep shadow of sorrow over this community, and the greatest sympathy is felt for Mrs. Parks and her little boys in the terrible calamity that has befallen them.

Mrs. Parks, who was Miss Annie Perreye, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Perreye, was popular as a young lady in this city, and has a large family connection here. In addition to his wife and two little boys, one a mere baby, Mr. Parks leaves a daughter about sixteen years of age, the child of his first wife, who died a number years ago in Edgefield County.

Mr. Parks, in addition to his newspaper work, taught school at one time in this county. He was for several years one of the public cotton weighers at this place, and had numerous friends all over the county. He was a very pleasant, affable gentleman, of an open, sincere disposition and made friends of all with whom he came in contact. He was always considerate of others and it was not characteristic of him to speak ill of any person. He was very guarded in his expressions concerning others, although fearless in his editorial writings. He was marked by one of Mr. Parks' friends that of all men he would not have expected to learn of his death in such a manner. Mr. Parks was an active member of Orange Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and during his residence here

was an official in the lodge.

During Friday afternoon in spite of his intense suffering Mr. Parks gave directions regarding the disposition of his business affairs and he made a will. There were some directions that he desired to give in regard to his business matters and he apparently was in possession of his mental faculties until a short time before his death. He made no ante-mortem statement, as far as has been made known. He made none to his attorneys, Messrs. Raynor & Summers. Rev. E. M. Lightfoot, Pastor of the Orangeburg Baptist Church, of which Mr. Parks was a member, was with him from the time he was shot until he died.

The general supposition in this city is that both gentlemen had been led to believe from tales that had been told them that the other would kill him on sight, and that he must be prepared to defend himself. It is said that Mr. Parks was met at the depot when he arrived here on Friday morning and told that if he came up the street that Mr. Covar would shoot him on sight. It is also said that the same party who had made this statement to Mr. Parks went back to Mr. Covar and told him that Mr. Parks would not compromise the differences between them and that he had better look out for himself. The fact that both were armed with such deadly weapons would indicate the above to have been the impression of each of the parties. Mr. Parks did come up the street and on his way to call on a friend passed right in front of the office of The Patriot where Mr. Covar was at work. In company with the friend he went to see he passed The Patriot office again on his way back. Mr. Parks did not intimate to this friend that he anticipated any trouble with Mr. Covar, and he did not know that there was any trouble between them until after the shooting. It seems that the trouble between Messrs. Parks and Covar has been brewing for some time, but no one ever dreamed that it would have such a tragic ending as that of Friday.

It seems that these troubles grew out of business transactions during the time that Mr. Covar was manager for Mr. Parks after he had moved to Columbia. It was not known here that this bitterness had become intensified, although since the affair reports would indicate that such had been the case. Both parties had friends here and they would have interfered and endeavored to make satisfactory adjustment of the difficulties had it been made known to them. Certainly the friends of both parties would have interfered and prevented so deplorable a termination of the differences.

When Mr. Parks disposed of his printing plant here several months ago to Messrs. Funderburg & Covar it was thought by the public that whatever trouble there was had been settled, but it seems that such was not the case. In addition to the trouble between Messrs. Parks and Covar it seems that Messrs. Funderburg and Covar did not get along well together on account of business differences, and that they had agreed to dissolve co-partnership by Mr. Covar drawing out of the business. What the differences between Messrs. Funderburg and Covar were has not been made public, but it was only of a business nature and the two gentlemen were on perfectly amicable terms. It was reported to Mr. Parks that he had better come down here and look after his interests as things were not going on as they should at the Patriot office.

Mr. Parks had a mortgage on the Patriot plant, and it was natural for this report to cause him some apprehension and a desire to come down and straighten matters out. It is said that on the same day that he received the above information he was telephoned that if he came down here there would be trouble. How much this and other "talk" had to do with the tragedy is a matter of conjecture, but there are not a few who believe that had nothing been said to either Mr. Parks or Mr. Covar about a difficulty that there would have been no trouble between them. It is generally believed that the two men were at a false light in each other's eyes by the tales they had heard of each other, which caused them to regard each other as deadly enemies, and resulted in the deplorable tragedy of last Friday.

LAI'D TO REST

Near His Old Home at Parkville on Sunday.

The remains of the late James T. Parks were carried to his old home near Parkville in Edgefield County, and interred in the old family burial ground. The remains were accompanied by Mrs. Parks, her mother Mrs. W. H. Perreye, her brothers, Dr. J. H. Perreye and Mr. O. P. Perreye, and her uncle, Mr. P. C. Brunson, and the brother of Mr. Parks, who reached Orangeburg Saturday morning.

The Rev. E. M. Lightfoot, the pastor of the Orangeburg Baptist Church, who was the deceased's pastor, accompanied the remains to conduct the funeral services. In addition there were a number of the friends of the deceased, and the delegation from the Knights of Pythias Lodge of this city, including Messrs. W. Hampton Dukes, James H. Olney, John S. Bowman, J. M. K. Jeffries, E. A. Ziegler, J. C. Murphy and O. B. Dukes. There were a large number of beautiful floral offerings to attest the high esteem in which Mr. Parks and his family were held in this community.

It is, indeed, sad that so splendid a specimen of physical manhood possessing all of the noble and higher qualities of a splendid manhood should be cut down in the prime of a useful life. Generous, large hearted, "Jim Parks," true and loyal to his friends and his convictions, will not soon be forgotten in Orangeburg County. The following special friends of the deceased acted as local pall bearers: Messrs. Thomas M. Raynor, William C. Wolfe, Robert L. Lide, Thomas F. Brantley, James L. Sims and J. W. H. Dukes. Numerous other friends accompanied the remains to the train. The remains were met at Parkville by a large number of relatives and friends, who were deeply grieved at the tragic death of one they all loved.

THE TROLLEY LINE.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS OF ITS BEING BUILT.

Committees Appointed to Solicit Subscriptions to the Capital Stock.

A mass meeting was held in Orangeburg Friday in the interest of the proposed trolley line from Fergusson, through the city of Orangeburg to the town of North. A representative of the capitalists, whom the Business Men's League of Orangeburg have interested, was present. They made the proposition to the citizens of Orangeburg that if the people of Orangeburg and vicinity would subscribe to 10 per cent of the stock they would furnish the money for the remaining 90 per cent of stock. This meeting was largely attended by influential citizens from each section of the county through which the proposed road will run. Hon. Edgar L. Culler was made chairman of the meeting and Sol Kohn secretary.

Major W. L. Glaz stated the objects and plans of the South Carolina Public Service Corporation which is the corporation to be organized with a minimum capital stock of \$500,000 for the purpose of building the trolley line, which will carry passengers and freight, also furnish power and light along the entire line; and purchase property along the line for improving same, as parks, construction of hotels, building ice plants and other forms of improvement which would prove helpful to the proposed trolley line.

Citizens from various parts of the county spoke enthusiastically of the proposed line and all stated that it was their intention to subscribe as liberally as possible to the proposed road, which they realized would directly benefit them. Several proposed routes are under contemplation. Two routes are proposed from here to North. One up the Bull Swamp road, through the Limestone section, directly to North, a distance of 17 miles. Another suggested route is up the Bull Swamp road about 10 miles and then to Advance, thence to North. The latter route would be about 27 miles. From Orangeburg to Fergusson two routes are also contemplated. One in a southeasterly direction along the Five Chop road to a point where it crosses the State road, down the State road for a few miles, through Providence section, thence directly to Fergusson. The other contemplated route is from Orangeburg, down the old Charleston road, to Bowman, thence in an easterly direction to Four Hole Swamp, crossing near about Snuler's Ford, thence in a southeasterly direction through Providence section to Fergusson.

In order to raise the 10 per cent subscription of the proposed capital stock of \$500,000 citizens in each community were appointed who will solicit stock subscriptions from parties along the proposed line. These committees will make their report at a meeting to be held in the city of Orangeburg, July 7, at which time it is expected that the full \$50,000 will have been subscribed.

The following influential citizens have been appointed from the various sections of the county:

City of Orangeburg: T. F. Brantley, W. C. Crum, B. E. Jennings, W. L. Moseley and I. S. Harley.

Limestone Section: W. W. Culler, Jr., J. D. McCormick and Dr. J. H. Price.

Advance Section: O. B. Riley, D. B. Wolfe and Dr. B. R. Sturkie.

Town of North: W. C. Culler, J. L. Reeves and Lewis Gibson.

Between Orangeburg and Bowman: Dr. J. D. S. Fairley, P. F. Pierson and John Ruple.

Town of Bowman: W. L. Bishop, L. G. Weathers and Henry O. L.

Between Bowman and Four Hole Swamp: G. A. Myers, G. E. Farey and W. H. Patrick.

Between Four Hole Swamp and Providence: Geo. E. Shuler, L. A. Carson and W. L. DeHay.

Between Providence and Fergusson: W. P. Stroman, Tom L. Connor and Geo. M. Norris.

Between Orangeburg and the State road: T. A. McCants, Dr. J. T. Riley, W. S. Barton, Jr., and T. J. Riley.

Providence Section: John D. Snuler, L. W. Dantzler and El Banister.

Gave Good Place.

The United States Senate confirmed Saturday the appointment of Prof. Herman L. Spahr to be United States consul to Breslau, Germany. Mr. Spahr has recently resigned his position as assistant professor in the University of South Carolina to accept a position in the University of Oklahoma. The Washington correspondent of The State says "the consular service under Secretary Root has undergone considerable improvement and the requirements for position as consuls have been raised. A strict examination in international law, commercial relations in the history and geography of the country in which consulsip is situated, as well as in the foreign language. Mr. Spahr was in Washington last week, when he stood this examination and he passed it with credit in all its branches. He had already been designated for the position. It pays \$2,000 a year and certain fees which amount to something like \$500 additional. Breslau is said to be one of the pleasantest cities in Germany to live." Prof. Spahr is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Spahr of this city. He will leave for his new post in about one month.

Gave Better Place.

A dispatch from Greenwood to The State says the board of trustees of the public schools of that place had elected Prof. N. M. Salley as superintendent. There were about 14 applicants for the position and the election of Mr. Salley comes as a compliment to his ability and experience. The Greenwood public schools rank among the most prominent in the State, and are always desired. Mr. Salley has had a number of years' experience in graded school work, having taught in Rumburg, Laurens and also in the Wolford Fitting school.

REV. J. A. CLIFTON, D. D.

Memorial Services Held in His Honor at St. Paul's.

Memorial exercises were held Sunday night at St. Paul's Methodist Church, in this city, in memory of the late Rev. Jesse A. Clifton, D. D., whose death recently occurred at Marion. Dr. Clifton was pastor of the church here up to the close of last year, when he was transferred to Marion, having served out his full allotment of four years at this place under the rules of his church. Dr. Clifton was very much beloved in Orangeburg, not alone by the members of his own congregation but by the citizens of the community generally. He was frequently called upon to make addresses at veterans' meetings and various other functions and he was exceedingly kind about responding to such demands. He was an eloquent speaker and the announcement that Dr. Clifton was to deliver an address upon any occasion never failed to attract a large audience.

The memorial meeting Sunday night was presided over by the Rev. L. P. McGee, pastor of the church, and who was the successor of Dr. Clifton as pastor of St. Paul's Church. There was a large congregation in attendance, the other churches having been closed to enable their congregations to attend this memorial meeting.

Gen. James F. Izlar, the commander of Camp Thomas J. Glover, United Confederate Veterans, made an eloquent address. Dr. Clifton was a chaplain of this camp during his stay in Orangeburg. Other addresses were delivered by Judge Charles G. Dan'zler and Major Andrew C. Dibble; and the following ministers: The Rev. L. P. McGee, pastor of St. Paul's Church; the Rev. Geo. M. Davis, of Ope; the Rev. Peter Stokes of Bamberg; the Rev. Marion Dargan, presiding elder of the Orangeburg district, and the Rev. J. L. McLees, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city.

A letter was read from Rev. J. P. Miller, who was pastor of the Lutheran Church when Dr. Clifton was stationed in Orangeburg.

The Summer School.

Superintendent of Education Malcham informs us that the County Teachers' Institute, or Summer School for the white teachers will open in Orangeburg on Monday August 6th, and continue two weeks. Upon consultation with State Superintendent Martin, a little change from the regular course has been deemed advisable for this year. In this institute, special stress will be laid upon the principles of teaching and school management. The faculty will instruct in the various branches by talks, or lectures, and illustrations, and periods will be given for general discussion, which will be open to all of the teachers for the interchange of their views and experience. There is no doubt that this plan will be interesting and profitable to teachers. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance. The advertisement will appear in our next issue; and, as soon as practicable, the names of the faculty will be announced.

Shooting at Livingston.

The Columbia State says as a result of a shooting affray at Livingston in this county Benzin Bollin is at the Columbia hospital probably fatally wounded and Jas. Williams and two others are in the Orangeburg jail to be held until the extent of Bollin's wounds are ascertained. Bollin was carried to Columbia Monday afternoon for an operation and according to the story told the physicians the shooting was the result of a row at a country church not far from Livingston Sunday morning. The shooting took place at 1 o'clock after James Williams and his brother, accompanied by several others, visited the house of Bollin and his uncle for the purpose of renewing the difficulty. Several shots were fired on both sides and one bullet struck Bollin in the skull, inflicting what is regarded as a fatal wound.

State Campaign Meeting.

The state campaign meeting here on July 10 will be held in the courthouse. A special committee of citizens was appointed for the purpose of extending a welcome to the various State candidates to Orangeburg on the day of the State campaign meeting. It is expected that members of this reception committee will be able to meet the candidates at the trains and see that they are shown proper courtesies during their stay in Orangeburg. This committee is composed of the following: Messrs. Thomas M. Raynor, John H. Dukes, D. O. Herbert, Edgar L. Culler, J. A. Banks, Thomas F. Brantley, R. E. Dukes, G. L. Salley, W. B. Fogle, T. R. McCants, James P. Doyle and W. G. Smith.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., TOLEDO, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

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Don't Fail to Attend.

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Cotton Association will be held in the courthouse on next Saturday at the usual hour. Professor Newman will be here and address the Association on horticulture, trucking and other interesting matters. President Smith, President of the State Association and Secretary Chatham of the General Association, are also expected. The meeting will be very interesting and it is hoped that a large crowd will be present.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

OF LOCAL INTEREST PICKED UP HERE AND THERE

Recent Happenings in Town and Country Boiled Down for Busy Readers.

It is astonishing how differently people can see the same occurrence. Fifty thousand dollars put up by our county will ensure the trolley line.

It was lucky that some innocent party was not hit by a stray bullet on Friday. Darlington will be here next week. Let us show them how nicely we can treat visitors.

The result of the Sumter games gave Darlington her revenge, but she must not laugh too soon.

We are glad to say that the report that the St. Matthews Advance was burnt out in the recent fire is erroneous.

Mrs. Edwin Muller of Lexington, Ky., is visiting her parents, Col. and Mrs. Mortimer Glover, on Whitman street.

The mighty Blackburn has been suspended by Weing, and as consequence Darlington did up Sumter on Monday.

Brace up boys, Sumter can't always have such professionals as Ashton and Wallace to play on her team, and then we will show her.

Mr. R. H. Covar, who was badly wounded in the unfortunate street duel, is suffering considerably, but his friends hope he will soon be out.

Dr. A. Dolan, veterinary surgeon, will be in Orangeburg at Wertz Mule Co.'s stables July 5, 6 and 7. Bring in your lame or sick horses and mules.

The Santee Rifles propose having a big time at Jerusalem Church on the 14th instant, when Senator Tillman will be present and address the people.

Mr. W. C. Crum subscribed one thousand dollars to the capital stock of the trolley line. If our other moneyed men will do as well the enterprise is a success.

Mrs. Eliza E. Fogle, of St. Petersburg, Fla., who had been visiting her brother, Capt. N. N. Hayden, of the Furk, for some time returned to her home on last Thursday.

The Standard Oil Company has appointed Mr. E. M. Mixon, former book-keeper at the Enterprise Cotton Mills, as their agent for this district. He took charge Monday.

In this issue will be found the card of Hon. A. F. Lever announcing himself a candidate for re-election to Congress. He is too well known to need an introduction at our hands.

The Clarendon Sentinel says: "Hon. W. L. Glaz, of Orangeburg, famous as a lawyer of this State, must pale into insignificance when put beside his son who is captain of a base ball team."

Col. W. W. Lumpkin was invited to speak at Bowman before he announced himself a candidate for the United States Senate, so no political significance attaches whatever to his having been invited.

It seems to be generally accepted that the difficulty between Messrs. Parks and Covar on Friday was caused by things that had been told them by a third party, which incensed them against each other, and led to the deplorable tragedy.

The French Coach Horse Company was organized Saturday with the following officers: W. M. Sain, President; W. W. Taylor, Secretary; Dr. J. H. Price, Treasurer; G. T. Ricketts, Dr. G. C. Hane and W. S. Lee, Directors; F. M. Salley, Manager.

Mr. S. G. Parler has bought a half interest in the repair and wagon business heretofore conducted by Mr. H. Van Oshen. The business is now conducted under the firm name of S. G. Parler & Co., and will